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SUBJECT: MAY 12 MEETING OF US-SPANISH COUNCIL

1. SUMMARY: COUNCIL MEETING OF JUST OVER ONE HOUR COVERED FULL AGENDA (MADRID 3467, DTG 051449Z MAY 77), SPENDING MORE TIME ON EXCHANGES ON MAJOR WORLD ISSUES THAN ON REVIEW OF ALREADY AGREED JOINT COMMITTEE REPORTS. NONE OF 5 JOINT COMMITTEES PUT FORWARD PROBLEMS REQUIRING DECISION. AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON OBJECTIVE OF LAUNCHING COMBINED MILITARY COORDINATION & PLANNING STAFF IN LATE JUNE. DATE OF NEXT MEETING NOT DISCUSSED. END SUMMARY.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ABOUT THE WORK OF THE JOINT COMMITTEES: NO PROBLEMS REQUIRED
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DECISION AT THIS TIME. ARRANGEMENTS FOR OBTAINING A QUITE ADEQUATE BUILDING FOR THE COUNCIL, INCLUDING THE COMBINED STAFF, WERE IN THE FINAL DEFINITIVE STAGE. THE REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR COORDINATION WITH NATO ESTABLISHED SOME GENERAL LINES OF ACTION DESIGNED TO PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION ON NATO AND AN ANALYSIS OF THE CONSEQUENCES CLOSER SPANISH TIES TO NATO WOULD HAVE FOR THE PRESENT US-SPANISH BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP.

HE EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE IMBALANCE OF BILATERAL TRADE WITH THE US, SINGLING OUT AS HAVING POLITICAL IMPACT IN SPAIN ISSUES HAVING TO DO WITH SPECIALTY STEELS, SHOES, ZINC, VITAMIN K, OLIVES AND FISHING, BUT EXPRESSING SATISFACTION WITH RECENT SHOE DECISION. HE DREW ATTENTION WITHOUT ELABORATION TO THE DESIRE OF THE SPANISH SIDE OF THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE THAT THE COMMITTEE BECOME INCREASINGLY EFFECTIVE. HE PASSED QUICKLY OVER THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEES ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND EDUCATION AND CULTURE, EXPRESSING THE HOPE WITH RESPECT TO THE FORMER FOR A LARGER SPANISH ROLE IN WHATEVER PROGRAMS ARE DEVELOPED. IN THIS CONTEXT, HE ALLUDED ALSO TO SPANISH INTEREST IN THE QUESTION OF NUCLEAR ENERGY DRAWING ATTENTION TO SPANISH SAFEGUARDS AND TO THE INTENT TO USE NUCLEAR FUELS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES ONLY.

3. THE SECRETARY EXPRESSED PLEASURE THAT THE COUNCIL AND COMBINED STAFF WOULD SOON HAVE A HOME: A GOOD BEGINNING HAD BEEN MADE IN THE AD HOC COMMITTEE TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON NATO. THE U.S. HAD NO TIMETABLE ON THE NATO QUESTION, BUT WISHED TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE SPANISH GOVT. HE SUGGESTED IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO FOCUS ON THE MOST PRACTICAL STEPS, CONSISTENT WITH GOS VIEWS. ON ECONOMIC QUESTIONS, THE SECRETARY NOTED THAT AT THE LONDON SUMMIT THE U.S. HAD RENEWED SUPPORT FOR AN OPEN TRADING SYSTEM, AND THE SUMMIT HAD GIVEN GREATER IMPETUS TO THE TOKYO ROUND. A SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF THE SHOE QUESTION SEEMED IN SIGHT PROVIDED THAT TALKS WITH KOREA AND TAIWAN WENT WELL. HE UNDERSTOOD FISHING CATCHES WERE UNDER DISCUSSION AND HOPED FOR A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION.
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4. DURING THE MORNING TALKS, HE HAD DISCUSSED NUCLEAR ENERGY AND THE NEED TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY NUCLEAR MATERIALS WHILE PROVIDING ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS. HE HAD REPORTED TO THE KING AND THE PRESIDENT OF GOVT U.S. PLANS FOR A 2-MONTH PRELIMINARY STUDY, TO BE FINISHED IN AUGUST, FOLLOWED BY ONE OF LONGER TERM DEALING WITH THE INTERNATIONAL FUEL CYCLE. HOPEFULLY THIS LATTER STUDY WOULD ENGAGE THE PARTICIPATION OF USERS AS WELL AS SUPPLIERS, INCLUDING SPAIN.

5. OREJA RESPONDED THAT THE DEVELOPMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE TOKYO ROUND SEEMED POSITIVE AND THAT HE SHARED THE SECRETARY'S VIEWS ON THE NUCLEAR QUESTION.

6. OREJA THEN ASKED ADMIRAL BUHIGAS (ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE JUNTA OF CHIEFS OF STAFF) IF A CONCLUSION HAD BEEN REACHED ON THE MATTER OF A DATE FOR INAUGURATING THE COMBINED STAFF. ADM BUHIGAS SAID HE THOUGHT THE NEW BUILDING WOULD NOT BE COMPLETELY IN SHAPE UNTIL OCT BUT THAT PROVISIONAL ARRANGE-

MENTS FOR THE COMBINED STAFF TO USE THE BUILDING COULD BE MADE SOONER, POSSIBLY WITHIN 40 DAYS. (ON THIS BASIS, OREJA LATER TOLD THE PRESS THAT HE EXPECTED THE COMBINED STAFF TO HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING WITHIN 40 DAYS. SEE FURTHER COMMENT BELOW ON JOINT MILITARY COMMITTEE MEETING.)

7. TURNING TO A DISCUSSION OF WORLD ISSUES, OREJA ASKED FOR THE SECRETARY'S COMMENTS ON SALT, THE BELGRADE REVIEW CONFERENCE, THE MIDDLE EAST, SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND SOVIET ADVANCES IN AFRICA. THE SECRETARY COMMENTED BRIEFLY ON EACH. OREJA COMMENTED IN TURN ON TALKS HE HAD HAD WITH MIDDLE EAST LEADERS IN JANUARY AND AGAIN IN MARCH, NOTING THAT IN BETWEEN THE TWO ROUNDS THE EXPECTATIONS OF PEACE ON THE PART OF HIS INTER-LOCUTORS SEEMED TO HAVE LESSENED. BUT HE HAD ALSO FOUND MORE FLEXIBILITY THAN EXPECTED ON THE PART OF PLO REPRESENTATIVES; GENERALLY A STRONGER DESIRE FOR PEACE; GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF THE NEED FOR A SOUND BASIS FOR A GENEVA CONFERENCE, AND
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GREAT CONFIDENCE IN THE U.S. HE EXPRESSED PARTICULAR CONCERN REGARDING THE INTERNAL STABILITY OF EGYPT. IN RESPONSE TO OREJA'S EXPRESSION OF SPANISH CONCERNS RE SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA, THE SECRETARY EXPRESSED INTEREST IN FURTHER EXCHANGES OF VIEWS WITH THE SPANISH.

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8. THE TEXT OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE, APPROVED WITH LITTLE DISCUSSION, IS CONTAINED IN MADRID 3709 (DTG 121441ZMAY 77). (COMMENT: REMOVED FROM THE DRAFT AT SPANISH REQUEST WAS A PHRASE, DRAWN IN PARAPHRASE FROM THE TREATY, EXPRESSING INTEREST IN IMPROVING COORDINATION BETWEEN THE CLOSE BILATERAL COOPERATIVE EFFORTS OF SPAIN AND THE UNITED STATES IN THE FIELD OF DEFENSE AND THOSE EFFORTS OF THE DEFENSE SYSTEM OF NATO. THIS REFLECTS SPANISH DESIRE TO AVOID DURING THE ELECTORAL PERIOD ANY PUBLIC SUGGESTION OF MOVEMENT BY THE GOS TOWARD A DECISION ON THE QUESTION OF THE EVENTUAL SPANISH RELATIONSHIP TO THE ALLIANCE.)

9. AT THE PRIOR MEETING OF THE JOINT MILITARY COMMITTEE, THERE WAS A GENERAL REVIEW OF THE PREPARATIONS TO PLACE THE COMBINED MILITARY COORDINATION AND PLANNING STAFF IN OPERATION.
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AFTER INITIALLY SUGGESTING THAT THE NEW BUILDING MIGHT NOT BE READY UNTIL OCTOBER, THE SPANISH SIDE, WITH SOME ENCOURAGEMENT FROM GEN BROWN, CAME AROUND TO THE VIEW THAT A WAY MIGHT BE FOUND TO BEGIN OPERATIONS, IF NECESSARY IN A SOMEWHAT SPARTAN FASHION, AT THE PERMANENT SITE WITHIN ABOUT 30 DAYS AFTER THE SITE BECOMES AVAILABLE. THE SPANISH PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE COUNCIL THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD TAKE ABOUT 15 DAYS FOR THE FINAL PAPERWORK PROCESS CONNECTED WITH PURCHASE OF THE BUILDING, AND THEREFORE IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT A REASONABLE TARGET DATE WOULD BE ABOUT 45 DAYS.

10. THIS MESSAGE WAS PREPARED AFTER THE DEPARTURE OF THE SECRETARY AND HAS NOT BEEN CLEARED. AS IN THE PAST, EACH SIDE'S MINUTES WILL BE SIGNED BY BOTH PERMANENT SECRETARIES. U.S. DRAFT WILL BE CLEARED WITH THE DEPT BEFORE SIGNATURE. STABLER

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